GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF DUPLICATE C.D. CASSETTES OF INDIAN FILMS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some Dubai based companies, are smuggling duplicate C.D. cassettes of Indian Films via Karachi;

(b) if so, whether the customs officers had seized such cassettes and medicines at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent such activities in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): The reports/ intelligence available do indicate that attempts are being made to smuggle duplicate C.D. cassettes of Indian Films via Karachi. However, involvement of Dubai based companies is not yet confirmed.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Customs officers at I.G.I. Airporthave effected three seizure cases of C.D. (Video/Audio) cassettesand medicines at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, recently. The details of these seizures are as under :-

Year	No. of seizure cases	Quantity of goods seized	Value of goods seized (Rs. in Lakhs)
1999-2000	1	4212 Nos. of Video CDs	12.28
2000-2001 (upto 30.7.2000)	2	a) 35490 Nos. of Video/ Audio CDs	27.57
		b) Medicines	39.55

(d): All the field formations of the Customs Departmentand Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence are ever vigilant andalert to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods. Further, the officers posted at I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi,have been alerted to keep a constant watch to check the smuggling of duplicate C.D. Cassettes of Indian Films.